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# The Figure Four Wrestling Newsletter

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# WCW Bash at the Beach Preview and Analysis

**Figure Four will be there LIVE... Expect an in depth report of all the action next week!**

## HEADLINE NEWS STORY

**By Bryan Alvarez, Editor**

That's right... I'm packing up and spending four exciting days in sunny California, Huntington Beach to be exact, to witness WCW's Great American Bash, coming to you live, July 16 on pay-per-view. Anyone else who is interested in attending can do so, the pay-per-view is free to attend live. We'll have to see how it goes; this is the first pay-per-view I will ever attend and, depending on how it turns out, possibly my last.

Here are the scheduled matches as of press time as well as the editors comments and predictions on who will be victorious in each.

**Jim Duggan** vs. **Kamala:** This is sure to be a match-up of epic proportions. I will probably be tanning during this bout. As for a prediction, I'd have to go with the "Man from the Dark Side", Kamala, since he's getting the bigger push as of late. *Prediction: Kamala.*

**Diamond Dallas Page vs. Dave Sullivan**. Normally a personality such as DDP would not be forced to job to a lesser talent such as Dave Sullivan, but this is WCW, which has a habit of misusing it's talent (not like WWF doesn't). *Prediction: Sullivan.*

**Paul Orndorff** vs. **Renegade** (T.V. Title Bout). We just don't see Renegade doing the job, especially since he just won the title at the last pay-per-view. If things go as we think, he might not lose the title anytime during this year. *Prediction: Renegade.*

**Sting** vs. **Meng** for the U.S. Title. Although Meng is doing quite well for himself lately, Sting doesn't look to be dropping the title to anybody in the near future. Once again, like Great American Bash, we've got to give the match to the Stinger. *Prediction: Sting.*

**Nasty Boys vs. Harlem Heat vs. Stud Stable** in a triangular match for the WCW World Tag Team straps. This match looks to be one of the best on the card. From what we've heard, apparently the participants are allowed to tag out to anybody, and when one person is pinned the other half of his team is eliminated as well. *These rules might change.* This is WCW we're talking about here. However, most likely this will result in a monstrous brawl, with all members of each team in at one time. This match is the most difficult to call on the card, but we'll give it a try. Apparently the Dick/Slater title victory over Harlem Heat which took place a while back has been scrapped, so look for them to not take the victory. Nasty's had the titles at the Bash, but lost them immediately to

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## WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

You're not going to believe this, but the editors of this newsletter have decided to break ground and give an individual "Wrestler of the Week"... *two weeks in a row!*

Yes, **Barry Horowitz** is the first wrestler in history to be granted this honor. After seeing his victory on Action Zone this weekend, we couldn't help but plug ol' Barry again. As **Skip** of the Bodydonnas performed pushups in center ring, Horowitz performed a perfect three-point stack to finally break his *807 match losing streak.* If that number is correct, he is truly the World Jobbing Champion. We just hope that McMahon will let Barry's star shine a little longer than this one match.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK

It was a moment we thought we'd never see... a wrestler using a legitimate ringside fan as a foreign object!

It happened On July 8 at the Muckleshoot Gym in Auburn Washington. **Diamond Timothy Flowers** defended his WCCW International strap against **Buddy Wayne** in an exciting bout, full of in-ring as well as out-of-ring bumps. The highlight, however, came when both men were battling outside by the spectators.

A large Native American fan was sitting in a chair not five feet from the action, and looked about ready to drop from cardiac arrest. Both Wayne and Flowers took turns falling at her feet, and she was screaming at her husband in fear. Then, Flowers proceeded to drive Wayne's head *into the women's shoulder*, after which Buddy took a spectacular bump on the hardwood floor. Needless to say everyone, including the ref, was on the floor laughing at this spectacular match of the week.

# World Wrestling Federation News

## Tunney retires from position as World Wrestling Federation President

**Jack Tunney**, arguably the most controversial figurehead in all of wrestling history has apparently retired from his post as WWF President. Tunney, who has helped promote WWF shows in Canada for the past several years, supposedly resigned the position, and it was announced on several WWF telecasts this weekend. More than likely, his departure was the result of the WWF closing down their Canadian offices, where Tunney was actually an executive (though not technically having any say in the promotion). Doc Hendrix apparently will read a list of possible successors next week on WWF Superstars, and he made it clear that WWF owner Vince McMahon is not on the list. Rumors circulating have named Roddy Piper, Gorilla "external occipital protuberance" Monsoon and Bob Backlund as possible candidates for the office. The WWF President historically has been nothing but a figurehead for owner Vince McMahon, so most likely neither Monsoon nor Piper would give up their popularity (OK, so Gorilla isn't THAT popular) to take the "office". Most likely, Bob Backlund will take over and possibly engage in a Smokey Mountain Wrestling commissioner angle, leading to his early retirement. We'll just have to wait and see.

Another match has been added to WWF In Your House II, which will air on pay-per-view July 23. It will feature the team of **Razor Ramon & Savio Vega** squaring off against **King Mabel & Mo**.

Speaking of Razor Ramon, look for him to be the lumberjack responsible for WWF Champion **Diesel's** loss to **Psycho Sid** in the lumberjack match. Of course it has been rumored for some time that a Ramon heel turn was in the future, and IYH 2 is a prime opportunity for this change to occur.

**Shawn Michaels** should also be successful in taking the Intercontinental strap from **Jeff Jarret**, setting up a Michaels vs. Sid title-for-title match at this August's SummerSlam. From what we've heard so far, this SummerSlam is building up to be one of the greatest pay-per-views of all time. More details next week.

**Henry "The Hog Farmer" Godwin** has now officially entered **Ted DiBiase's** million dollar corporation.

**Brian Christopher**, USWA mainstay and son of **Jerry "the King" Lawler** was not officially expected to debut in WWF until October 3. Apparently, due to a lack of heel wrestlers in the WWF, his debut has been moved up to sometime before the end of summer. He will begin teaming with Skip and Sunny as an "official Bodydonna".

Here's an angle to end all angles. Apparently, on an upcoming edition of Monday Night Raw, **Isaac Yankem** will attack **Bret Hart** with something passed off as "sleeping gas". In the middle of the ring, Yankem will then proceed to *pull out one of Bret's teeth.* We are not making this angle up. We have really heard this. Then, get this, Vince McMahon will leave his announcing position (didn't Randy Savage get fired for this a couple of years back?) and attempt to help Bret Hart. Yankem will squash him, and Vinnie will take a great bump, requiring him to be removed "on a stretcher". This will then set up for - remember, I'm not making this up - a "tooth vs. tooth" match at SummerSlam, whatever the hell that may mean.

Didn't I say this would be a really fun SummerSlam?

Just when you think WWF is on to something good, they pull the carpet out from under you, however. **Fatu** is ready to redebut as a "San Francisco wrestler who speaks out against drugs". Oh boy.

Even worse, a **Howard Finkle/Jim Cornette** feud is in the works.

Finally, **Spellbinder** is officially set to debut soon after IYH 2. He has already been working a number of house shows, and appears to be using the same gimmick he used originally, however he will now be called the **Magnificent Maurice.**

Quote of the week comes from Monday Night Raw.

McMahon (to Lawler): "Have you always worn that crown? Were you born with it?"

Lawler: "Yes, it made for a difficult delivery."

And finally, Mr. Perfect **Curt Hennig** will apparently return to the World Wrestling Federation sometime before WrestleMania XII. Remember, this is just a rumor, because we have heard from a wide variety of sources that Hennig received a large settlement from his insurance company, and has no financial incentives to return to the ring. However, anyone who has ever wrestled knows that there is something that makes you want to get back in the ring, financial motives notwithstanding. So, cross your fingers, and just hope that we get this great talent back in the ring soon.

# Figure-Four Trivia Quiz

As most fans will recall, **Mabel** pinned Undertaker at King of the Ring in the quarterfinal match-up due to interference by Mabel. Although Undertaker has lost a handful of matches in the past, they are mostly the result of countouts, disqualifications, etc. Rarely, *extremely rarely* does the Man from the Darkside (Undertaker, not Kamala!) lose a match by pinfall.

This weeks question... Name all the opponents who have have ever **pinned** the Undertaker at a major event, either television taping or pay-per-view.

We'll have the answer for you in next weeks edition of the Figure-Four.

# World Championship Wrestling News

## Flair fired as WCW top booker; Kevin Sullivan chosen as replacement

In a move taking place last Wednesday, WCW officials officially fired **Ric Flair** from his position as top booker. We are now going to offer a condensed version of the article taken from the Dayton Daily News.

REAL LIFE FEUD WITH HULKSTER COSTS FLAIR MATCH-MAKER JOB
by: Alex Marvez, Dayton Daily News

The "Nature Boy" has been put out to pasture in World Championship Wrestling.

Ric Flair was fired as WCW's match-maker earlier this week, ending a tumultuous 18-month reign. Slick Ric was replaced by a match-making committee headed by "Taskmaster" Kevin Sullivan, but will remain as an active wrestler.

Under Flair's tenure, WCW recorded its highest pay-per-view buy rates ever last year for his feud with Hulk Hogan. Slick Ric (real name Richard Fleihr) also was influential in convincing Hogan (Terry Bollea) to switch to WCW from the World Wrestling Federation.

Ironically, it was the Hulkster who helped cause Flair's firing. The two bashed heads on virtually every match-making decision, with Hogan refusing to lose a match and receiving backing from upper management. In recent months, the Hulkster was designing his own storylines while Flair handled the undercard wrestlers.

Flair also did himself no favors as match-maker. By consistently refusing to give himself a victory over a main-event performer, Slick Ric lost credibility and his power as a drawing card. Because WCW's last two pay-per-view shows (Slamboree and Great American Bash) were financially disappointing with Flair as one of the headliners, WCW felt a change was needed.

In pro wrestling, switching match-makers usually triggers dramatic changes in talent and storylines. WCW's committee - which also includes Hogan, Jimmy Hart, Terry Taylor, Paul Orndorff, promoter Zane Breslow, and executive vice president Eric Bischoff - is negotiating with Eddie Guerrero and Chris Benoit of Extreme Championship Wrestling in Philadelphia. Dallas resident Al Snow - who had been grappling for Smoky Mountain Wrestling in Tennessee - has a tryout this week. There also is talk of layoffs for high-price undercard talent.

As for storylines, Hogan will begin feuding with Sullivan's stable of wrestlers - Kamala (Jim Harris), The Shark (John Tenta), and The Giant (Paul White, a 7-2 rookie) - after beating Vader in next Sunday's Bash at the Beach pay-per-view show. Vader (Leon White) will be turning babyface and clashing with Flair and Arn Anderson (Marty Lunde). Both scenarios were planned under Flair's regime, but because WCW has planned its storylines through October, it is too late for major changes.

So it's obvious that, as speculated to last week, Flair has been sacrificing his "greatest of all time" status for the love of the promotion that put him there. It is a shame to see that Hogan is not traveling the same route.

This week, **Al Snow** was given his WCW tryout, however there is currently no word from the promotion on whether or not he is to be hired on a permanent basis.

In addition to Snow, Kevin Sullivan has been attempting to lure **Tommy Dreamer**, **Public Enemy**, and Sullivan's wife, **Woman**.

A lot of fans have noticed that WCW has returned to calling **Leon White** "Big Van" Vader, as opposed to the conventional "Vader" of which he had been referred to over the last several months. The reasoning here is that White has realigned himself with the New Japan wrestling promotion, who currently own the rights to the "Big Van" part, and therefore can not only begin using the name, but can return to wearing his old armor and helmet.

Apparently, **Harley Race** has been officially fired from WCW, due to the fact that he has not been attending shows as the result of a bad automobile accident. Race is currently recuperating at his home, and it is a shame the WCW would can one of their greatest stars and drawing cards because of the fact that he in unable to attend due to injuries.

**The Shark** has made his debut as a repackaged **Avalanche**. Regarding this gimmick, one fan was quoted as saying, "This is the worst gimmick since the **Shockmaster**." We'll have to see how it's played out by Tenta.

Finally, Shane Douglas talked to the WCW booking committee, but left saying, "I won't be any part of that losing promotion."

# The Mark's Corner

Here's some more late-breaking news for all the marks out there. Enjoy!!

* This Shark character about to debut will supposedly destroy Hulkamania once and for all.

* Owen Hart and Yokozuna have been having problems recently. Owen has been making fun of Yokozuna and calling him "fat". However, their manager, Jim Cornette, says everything is "just fine."

* Savio Vega, the Caribbean Legend, has been doing very well for never wrestling in the U.S. He has already almost won King of the Ring, the Intercontinental Belt, and he's beaten King Mabel by DQ several times. Way to go Savio!!

* PWF wrestler Italian Stallion was fined $500 for hitting a ref.

# Independent Wrestling News

## Wrestling in the Northwest set to explode again

There hasn't really been much wrestling around the Pacific Northwest region for quite some time, but it now appears that some promotions which are starting up may actually pave the way to a future wrestling scene.

The Universal Independent Wrestling Alliance, promoted by **Dave Debashi**, and Ringside Professional Wrestling, promoted in part by **Ole Olson**, has both been running shows, sometimes as often as bi-weekly, in the Seattle area. For some time, the Youth Wrestling Federation, promoted by **Bryan Alvarez** was running shows in Lynnwood, but due to the inability to insure underage wrestlers was shut down indefinitely. Both promotions have put on some extremely exciting shows, headlined by some great talent from all over the area. If you have a chance to drop by one of their shows, make sure you do so. The hotline numbers for both are included on page 7 of this issue.

As for Canadian wrestling, check out Adam Dykes' column in the bottom half of this page. Dykes' has been covering the Canadian scene for quite some time, and runs not only a hotline, but a Northwest Wrestler newsletter as well. For information, contact him via the Northwest Wrestler hotline located again on page 7.

Results of the Ringside Professional Wrestling show from Auburn Washington, July 8: **Big Red Wrecking Crew** defeated **Silver Shadow**; **Diamond Timothy Flowers** pinned **Buddy Wayne** in our match of the week; **Sumito & The Bodyguard** were defeated by **Ole Olson & The Pitbull** when Pitbull pinned the Bodyguard; **Moondog Moretti** defeated **The Warrior** in a coal miner's glove match.

After the card, I talked to Wrecking Crew, and he has agreed to do an exclusive interview with the Figure-Four newsletter. That interview will be coming up in the next couple of weeks.

The Steiner Brothers, **Rick and Scott,** universally acclaimed as one of the all-time best tag teams of all time have been talking with promoters at WCW for quite some time. For awhile, it was rumored that a contract had been signed, but unfortunately this all fell through when Scott refused to agree to the terms. Now, it looks like they might possibly be returning to the ring after all. However, it will not be in either WCW or WWF - it will most likely be ECW!

That's right, apparently promoter **Paul Heyman** has talked the team into making a debut sometime in the near future. If this occurs, we will be sure to offer an in-depth article in an upcoming issue.

Speaking of returns, both **Sabu** and **Ultimate Warrior** will be returning to the National Wrestling Council in Las Vegas sometime in July.

# Canadian Promotions Update

**By Adam Dykes, Canadian Corespondent**

On Friday, July 7, West Coast Championship Wrestling presented a "Night of Champions" card in Surrey, BC.

The opening match was to determine the new WCCW Lightweight champion as **Power Ranger** faced **Terry "The Frog" Tomko** in a face vs. face match. At one point, The Ranger backdropped Tomko so high that he smashed an overhead light. The light exploded and glass showered down on the two.**Dillon Powers** later came to the ring and attacked The Ranger, after which Tomko pinned him. After finding out about the interference, Tomko challenged Powers to a match when WCCW returns to Surrey August 5.

In another key bout, **"Diamond" Timothy Flowers** (The International Champion) faced the **"Evil" Clown.** The Clown put up a good fight, but in doing so had to take several hard chairshots.Flowers put him away with a fistdrop off the top rope. After the match, he smashed the clown with his own SuperSoaker, which he sprayed the crowd with earlier.

The last match of the evening was supposed to be **The Serbian Liberated Army Movement** vs. **Johnny Canuck & Firefighter Adrian** for the WCCW tag team championships. However, **Tackle** of S.L.A.M. never showed up, so **The Skullcrusher** subbed in and the match was changed to a non-title bout. Most of this match was Slam working over Canuck. Finally, after 15 minutes, Adrian was tagged in and unloaded on S.L.A.M. He took it to the outside and used several chairs. In the ring, meanwhile, Canuck squashed Skull for the win. As soon as he could return to the ring, Slam attacked everyone with a chair, and DDT'd his partner on one. He then unmasked and revealed himself as **"Gorgeous" Michelle Starr,** who had supposedly left the area after losing a loser-leaves-town match to Canuck. A tape of this show is available. Contact me on the Northwest Wrestler Hotline (see hotline numbers) for info.

Next week, news on the possible return to Canada of Leatherface!

# Crazy Wayne's Wrestling Wrap

**By Wayne Gibson, Corespondent**

*This column will no longer be called Weekly Television Rundown. It has been completely revamped by correspondent Wayne Gibson, who would now prefer to call it "Crazy Wayne's Wrestling Wrap." To get an idea of what this column will be like, read on.*

*- Bryan Alvarez, Editor*

WEEKLY TELEVISION RUNDOWN... KIND OF!

INTERVIEW... Cactus Jack, ECW, 1995

"You should of seen my Home Run Swing, at the tender age of 6. A right handed drive that almost every time sent the wiffel ball over the fence that separated my house from the Fry's, who's little kid for some reason at the age of 3 would always call my parents by their first names. And every time I rounded those bases after a titanic drive, I would stop between second and third and run into the house where my mother would joyously write down what number of home run it was that I just hit.

"We were up to 111 by mid-July, and then the rains came. Because Little Timmy Dodd at age 12 couldn't take it anymore, outsmarted me. Knowing what foolish pride was in even a 6 year old, he climbed up on the fence and there he waited. And every time, like a giant bird, he'd steal the ball, and steal what was rightfully mine.

"And so the home run derby suddenly became the trail of fears, where I would run into my home, not to say, 'Mommy, mommy... Look what your little boy did!' BUT to say, 'Mommy, mommy, why are they doing this to me?'

"And my father looked at me and said... 'Mick! Take it to right field!' It would have been so easy, I had half the field to hit to!

"I looked at my father and said (in a whisper)... 'That's not my way... that's not my way!' And so I entered the world of professional wrestling! Where Cactus Jack began to carve out his own style! A style based on blood, a style based on sweat and more than a few tears! And we enter the dressing room in Canton Ohio in 1989, and one of the most revered figures in the world of wrestling walks up to me after a pretty grueling match and says... 'NO ONE CARES about you!... and no one CARES about your style!' and with a certain gleam in his eye, he told me not so much as a prediction but as a fact... 'You'll be in a wheelchair by the time you're thirty!'

"Well, I got one week to go! And I've been doing it my way, the concrete way, and I know deep in my heart that people make it lip service and say... 'Oh, poor Cactus Jack... He's got a wife and two kids!' But should I fail to get off the ground one of these times, and I end up where the wrestler predicted I would... deep in their heart there would be a look of joy! Because there would be happiness because they would realize they would be right!"

*Next week: The rest of the interview plus personal observations by me, Crazy Wayne Gibson.*

## Satellite Wrestling Stations

**Compiled by Wayne Gibson**

**A.I.N. - Channel G3 6. Covers:** *Monday* 7:00 p.m. - National Wrestling Alliance, *Tuesday* 7:00 p.m. - Smokey Mountain Wrestling, *Wednesday*, 7:00 p.m. - USWA Wrestling, *Thursday*, 7:00 p.m. - WWF Spotlight, *Sunday*, 1:00 p.m. - WWF Spotlight.

**C.H.A.M. - Channel A2 10. Covers:** *Monday* 8:00 p.m. - National Wrestling Alliance, *Tuesday*, 8:00 p.m. - ECW Wrestling, *Wednesday*, 8:00 p.m. - Smokey Mountain Wrestling, *Thursday*, 8:00 p.m. - "Pro Wrestling", *Friday*, 8:00 p.m. - USWA Wrestling

**Sunshine Network - F1 24. Covers:** *Thursday*, 9:00 p.m. - ECW Wrestling

**Madison Square Garden - F4 6. Covers:** *Saturday*, 9:00 & 10:00 p.m. - "Championship Wrestling"

**A1 T.V. - S3 24. Covers:** *Saturday*, 8:00 p.m. - AWF Wrestling.

# Neutral Corner

**WEEKLY EDITORIAL - By Bryan Alvarez**

Can a promotion be *too* violent?

After watching a wide variety of ECW programming, plus hearing results of matches such as the Taipei Death Match, Thumbtack Death Match and Barbed Wire Baseball Bat Match, I am left wondering if promotions such as ECW are losing the chance to gain television affiliates due to their violent nature. If this is true, then should promotions look to tone down their action to gain wider exposure, or should they keep up with the same old strategy and try to keep the hardcore fans that they currently entertain?

On the subject of hard core stipulation matches, I begin to wonder why wrestling fans are so much in awe of violent bloodletting. Is there something twisted in the minds of all wrestling fans that makes them enjoy this as an "art". Do the wrestlers themselves choose to bleed unnecessarily to compensate for a lack of wrestling talent? I am not in any way saying that I agree with WCW's position of "no-blood, no chairshot family entertainment". But I do think that if these stipulation matches contain at the rate they are going, fans are going to start getting turned off to the idea. An occasional Ian/Axl bloodbath is good to keep interest high... but if it happens every week, the interest in it is going to quickly diminish.

If you have thoughts on this, please write to the Figure-Four. We will publish some of your comments in upcoming issues.

# Roll Call of Champions

*WWF* - **World Champion** - Diesel, **Intercontinental Champion** - Jeff Jarret, **Tag Champs** - Yokozuna and Owen Hart, **Women** - Alundra Blaze
*WCW* - **World Champion** - Hulk Hogan, **U.S. Champion** - Sting, **T.V. Champion** - Renegade, **Tag Champs** - Harlem Heat
*USWA* - **Unified World Champion** - Jerry Lawler, **Heavyweight Champion** - Billy Jack Haynes, **Tag Champs** - PG-13
*SMW* - **Heavyweight Champion** - Buddy Landell, **T.V. Title** - Vacant, **Tag Champs** - Rock&Roll Express
*ECW* - **Heavyweight Champion** - Sandman, **T.V. Champion** - Eddie Guerrero, **Tag Champs** - Raven & Steve Richards
*NWA* - **World Champion** - Dan Severn, **North American Champ** - Tommy Cairo, **Tag Champs** - Rock and Roll Express, **Womens Champ** - Bambi
*UIWA* - **Washington State Champion** - Big Red Wrecking Crew
*YWF* - **World Champion** - Vacant, **Intercontinental Champ** - Beast
*WWWA* - **Heavyweight Champion** - Glenn Osbourne
*NCW* - **Heavyweight Champion** - Curtis Thompson, **Junior Heavyweight Champion** - Ricky Rocket
*PCW* - **Heavyweight Champion** - Terminator Crash, **Junior Heavyweight Champion** - Steve Corino, **Tag Champs** - Maxx Crimson & Jimmy Deo
*PWF* - **Heavyweight Champion** - Star Ryder, **Tag Champs** - Terry Austin & Austin Steele

Roll call of Champions compiled by David Mathews and Bryan Alvarez.

# Headline News Story (cont. from page 1)

Harlem Heat, so most likely they are not going to be the next WCW World Champs. The only team left is Harlem Heat, and as of late they have been getting some tremendous heat, despite the fact that they are a heel tag team. So look for Heat to retain there title's in what looks to be a sure match of the year candidate. *Prediction: Harlem Heat.*

**Ric Flair vs. Randy Savage** in a lifeguard match. As was reported several weeks ago, this initially was scheduled to be a lumberjack-type match with the female members of Baywatch surrounding the ring. However, WCW apparently looked at the situation and thought, "We have a potentially great pay-per-view on our hands here," and promptly decided to add more women. No, I'm just kidding. They decided to scrap the women and have a bunch of male lifeguards take their place. Probably a good idea on WCW's part. We were very surprised when Flair took the victory at GAB, but we now see that it was an intelligent set-up for this blow-off match. It looks like Flair will team with Arn Anderson to face Vader at the August Clash, and Savage is about ready to make a heel turn. As a result, we see a decisive win by Savage in this match to end the feud. However, look for the Macho Man to possibly attempt to injure Flair very badly after the match, possibly causing a run in by Hogan, or other such face, setting up the turn. *Prediction: Savage.*

**Hulk Hogan vs. Big Van Vader** for the WCW Heavyweight Title. Vader is realigned with New Japan, and therefore can now use both his old armor and the Big Van Vader name. Unfortunately, now that he is back to normal, he's most likely going to make a face turn. However, face or heel, we honestly don't see Hogan doing the job in this match, *or possibly ever.* He has an upcoming feud with "Giant" Paul White, and most likely isn't going to drop the strap to Vader at Bash at the Beach. Look for Hogan to take the victory, possibly by interference by Ric Flair and Arn Anderson. *Prediction: Hogan.*

In the upcoming weeks, expect an in-depth report on Bash at the Beach from our live perspective (hope there's no riot!)

# Letters to the Editor

Figure Four - I have heard that Doctor Isaac Yankem, D.D.S. actually wrestled before in the WWF. I guess he was one of Jerry Lawler's knights at the Survivor Series. Is this true, and if so, who were the other knights?

-G.J., Sacramento

*Yes, Isaac Yankem, a.k.a. Glen Jacobs was the Black Knight at the Survivor Series, however he was not teaming with Lawler. The Series took place while Lawler was having his rape case problems (of which all charges were eventually dropped), and as a result Shawn Michaels replaced him as team captain to face the Hart Brothers. This was the match where Owen turned heel.*

*Besides Jacobs, Greg "The Hammer" Valentine and Barry "The Winner" Horowitz donned knight attire for this match.*

# United States Wrestling Hotlines

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**UIWA Hotline:** (206) 984-7132. Free.
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Beginning next week, this space will be host to the Merchandise Corner. There will be a wide variety of different things plugged here, everything from magazines, other newsletters, videotapes, special books, etc. If you are a wrestling fan and collector, this space is for you.

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